

THE 1773 - COLONIAL VIRGINIA COPPER HALFPENNY GENERATION

CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

Written by W.N. Veach,
Founder/Editor

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Vicksburg, VA

The "Generation" is a select group of variety set, oriented collectors of the 1773 - Colonial Virginia copper Halfpenny. Our legal structure is that of a "phantom" group, unregistered, unincorporated, yes even unfinanced. We pay no dues. We pay no taxes and we really answer to no one, except to ourselves - - - and to that master we owe at least the following resolution of personal commitment:

1. Whereas, the basic purpose of the membership, in unison, is to protect the historic integrity and to promote the welfare of these few surviving and rare specimens of the very first (legal) coinage ever duly authorized by the English Crown, by Royal Warrant, for Colonial Virginia, in 1773.

2. And whereas, the "Generation" is a close knit group that meets by ~~conversing~~ through an unfinanced newsletter, no membership dues apply, no monetary profits are sought, no income is generated or directly derived, nor are donations accepted.

3. And whereas, gifts between members are totally outside this Constitution and Bylaws.

4. And whereas, the ~~membership~~ thrives on general information, explicit research, and mutual respect for the 1773 - Colonial Virginia copper Halfpenny, we meet at large, through the periodic Generation Newsletter.

The "Generation" Bylaws of conduct are as follows:

1. While all members shall have equal opportunity to share in the many benefits provided by our newsletter, and while any member shall have the right (protected by the Founder) to anonymity, we all must observe a few rules:

A. Final Editorial Authority --- The Editor shall have the final authority to decide what shall fill the space available in any given issue of The Generation Newsletter.

B. Editorship --- The Editor, alone, may publish The Generation Newsletter. If any member is unhappy with the newsletter in any way and wishes to publish and circulate his own newsletter - - - so be it.

C. All information or material received by the Editor that has been designated for "general circulation" to the rest of the "Generation" membership, through the newsletter or an enclosure must always included the source: the author, if it is not the original work of the member submitting it.

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1. D. Consideration --- All material published in The Generation Newsletter is meant for the enjoyment of each member. Never, should any material published in the "Newsletter" ever find its way into any other form of the media, without the permission of the Editor: William N. Veach, in writing, signed and dated. Furthermore, the Editor must be careful not to allow the same incident to occur by his own hand.

E. The Generation Newsletter is not for "public consumption", outside the membership. Any exception to this rule would first require the approval of both the Editor of The Generation Newsletter and that of the "original source", if applicable.

F. Expulsion of a member from the group by the Founder/Editor can be justified if any member has shown hostility toward the Founder/Editor or any other member so as to cause disharmony to the extent that normal membership business can not be continued without the Founder/Editor feeling there is a sense of threat or harassment.

G. Prejudice --- Any prejudice that appears to interfere with normal membership harmony must cease.

H. Dues and donations are not permitted.

I. Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws can be accomplished only by the Founder/Editor, with two weeks notice in writing, to each member.

J. The generation Newsletter can be dissolved only by the Founder/Editor, with one month's notice in writing, to each member.

K. As it occurs, out of necessity, new rules may be submitted, approved by the Founder/Editor, and circulated immediately throughout the membership for implementation.

2. The above rules (A-K) having been established by the Founder/Editor in writing, this day of 01 August 1990, are hereby accepted by each of the members upon registering for membership (by phone or by mail) in good faith, and are considered binding upon the entire membership, including the Founder/Editor, William N. Veach.

These rules may be subject to review and change at any time, by the Founder/Editor.

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06 August 1990

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Dear Prospective Member:

The "Generation" is a select group of Colonial Virginia Halfpenny collectors, recently organized in Vienna, VA to protect the integrity and to promote the welfare of these 217 year old specimens of American history. Being the very first authorized (legal) coinage in the American monetary system, it is imperative that they be more widely recognized as such.

By joining together, the Generation can more effectively channel the following efforts:

- A. Distribute accurate current information on the VA Halfpenny.
- B. Be a collection point for interesting and new developments in the VA Halfpenny world.
- C. Questions can be raised. Theories can be offered. New insights can be found.
- D. Articles can be distributed in the Generation Newsletter.
- E. An informal "bulletin board" can be operated to list coins "wanted" or "for sale", with the concerned parties working out the final details by phone.
- F. A listing of pertinent publications can be made available.
- G. Most of all, together, we can promote this "variety set" oriented specimen to major auction houses and eventually to the numismatic world at large.
- H. The rarity of various variety sets will eventually command more and more recognition and then the Colonial Virginia copper Halfpenny will finally be in proper perspective. Valuation by variety set should follow closely. Coin dealers rarely ever want to be left out of anything that is developing greater market values.

Let it be known that Eric P. Newman (Godfather of the Colonial Virginia Halfpenny) is this very moment preparing variety data to pull together all of his previously published work and any current details for a new monograph. This will, at last, allow all collectors and the dealers to accurately classify any variety set.

I would like to urge each potential member of the Generation that you act quickly to join. Membership is by invitation only. This is it! Anonymous membership is quite possible, though one would be at a real disadvantage to circulate freely within the total membership.

Joining means:

- A. You pay no dues. Merely register with the founder, Bill Veach.
- B. You are not obligated to participate in any undertakings.
- C. You are to benefit:
 - (1) by receiving new information.
 - (2) by having others to ask questions of.
 - (3) by learning about new publications on these coins.
 - (4) by gaining access to others with mutual interests, all over the U.S.
 - (5) by being listed in the Generation directory, available to members only, not intended for use by any outside solicitors.
- D. You may maintain as great a level of privacy as you wish, while continuing to benefit from whatever positive affects the Generation might have on the promotion of variety set orientation of the numismatic world.
- E. Enjoying the adventure - - - this is meant to be a private endeavor to benefit members only. You may withdraw at any time, of course.

We are still in our infancy. We have a very long way to go - - - "to catch up". A great deal of "apathy" must be overcome. Some members may have a special viewpoint to offer or talent to assist in the ultimate promotion. I welcome your assistance.

I am not a coin dealer, just a collector.

- To join: 1. Contact myself (Bill Veach),
 - A. by phone: (703) 938-7673
 - B. by mail: 2238 Loch Lomond Dr.
Vienna, VA 22181

2. Give: your phone no. _____

3. That's it, until the first newsletter comes out. Soon!!

The Generation's first newsletter is already written, just waiting for a mailing list. In the beginning, I expect as few as 6 to 10 members, until we attract the other collectors who (as loners) quietly acquire these Colonial Virginia copper Halfpennies without benefit of friends with mutual interests. It is not my goal to develop great numbers, but to gather close acquaintances who can equate to the importance of promoting the integrity of these rare Colonial Virginia copper Halfpennies.

Sincerely,

William N. Veach
William N. Veach

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Completion of this questionnaire is optional - - - Member: Eric P. Newman

1. I've been collecting Colonial Virginia Halfpennies for 60 years.

2. Of Eric P. Newman's 1956 Monograph, "Coinage For Colonial Virginia",

I: A. Have read the entire book, published by the "ANS".

Yes No

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B. Have my own personal copy.

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C. Utilize Mr. Newman's variety definitions and Obverse and Reverse "plates" (photo's) in back of his 1956 Monograph.

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D. Have also read his publication, "Additions to Coinage of Colonial Virginia", containing several new varieties.

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3. I Have already created my own "model" of a rarity chart for both the Obverse variety sets --- with or without a period after "S".

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4. I Feel that I am:

(1) a beginner (less than 3 years) collector (and I'd like to catch up).

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(2) an experienced collector and have done extensive reading on 1773 - Colonial Virginia Halfpennies.

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(3) an advanced collector, well read, researched, but am always alert for anything "new" that develops, and I welcome friends with mutual interest in promoting these copper coins to greater respect and deserved recognition of their Colonial historic roots.

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5. Other areas of Numismatic interest that I have are

too numerous to list

6. I am also a coin dealer.

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7. I am a member of : A. VNA (Virginia Numismatic Association)

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B. ANS (American Numismatic Society / NY)

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C. CNL (Colonial Newsletter / James Spilman)

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8. I know of Additional Colonial VA Halfpenny "variety" collectors, who might like to join the "Generation".

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9. I have actually seen counter-stamped Colonial Virginia Halfpennies.

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10. I know why the number of harpstrings appearing on Reverses varies.

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11. I've discovered (or read) why there is (or is not) a period after "S" in GEORGIVS.

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12. This is the first and only group that I know of that specializes in the 1773 - Colonial Virginia Copper Halfpenny.

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25 September 1990

Dear Eric:

I thought you would like to have the latest membership listing for the Generation Newsletter. It seems that we are at a leveling off point. And now it is time to get on with the adventure.

Take a close look at it.

You will no doubt see some previous acquaintances on this listing. It is the nature of this Newsletter that this membership listing be used for quick access contact.

We now number: 17 !

P.S.: I really am enjoying this Newsletter.

Sincerely,

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14 October 1993

THE GENERATION NEWSLETTER

A Last Hurrah !

Dear *Eric* Member:

While I've greatly enjoyed sharing various viewpoints and any interesting developments in the "life" of the 1773 Colonial Virginia copper halfpenny, I find that I will no longer be able to dedicate the time and effort required to ensure the continuance of the Generation Newsletter.

It has been a distinct pleasure to have been associated with each one of you. As you have invariably made my efforts so much more enjoyable by taking some interest in these mysterious little coppers, I too hope that I was able to supply you, in turn, with one or two surprises.

I think we are much better acquainted, for our efforts. We've had the ultimate opportunity to share our thoughts with an elite membership. And, I want to thank each one of you for your interest and your support.

It's been fun.

However, in accordance with the By Laws of the Generation Newsletter, I do hereby declare that upon the date: 1 December 1993, the Generation Newsletter will discontinue its operation, having succeeded in its primary objective with regard to the 1773 Virginia halfpenny: "To Protect Its Historic Integrity And To Promote Its Welfare."

I'm sure many of you will continue to correspond with one another. Good luck.

Thank you for your participation. And a very special thank you for Eric P. Newman for sharing his very first historic findings with us.

Sincerely,

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